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Rymes Opens New Biodiesel Blending Facility
New Indoor Facility Offers Bioheat Product Year-Round

Swansey, NH – Rymes Propane & Oils, Inc. officially opened a new facility today to blend biodiesel into a home heating oil product called “bioheat.” Bioheat is a blend of #2 heating oil and biodiesel. Rymes is offering bioheat to provide customers with a heating alternative that utilizes renewable resources, reduces air pollution, and reduces dependence on foreign petroleum products. Joining John Rymes at the opening ceremony were former Governor Jeanne Shaheen and other state and local officials and dignitaries.

“Our new blending facility will enable Rymes to provide our customers with a great heating product that requires absolutely no changes to existing systems,” stated John Rymes. “We are pleased to offer this environmentally friendly biodiesel blend which can be used in all oil burning equipment, such as furnaces and boilers, with no modifications necessary.”

Rymes has offered both biodiesel and bioheat blends before, but this new state-of-the-art facility, complete with a passive solar system to assist in winter heating, will now enable blending operations to continue year-round at proper temperatures.

Use of biodiesel and bioheat reduces emissions of diesel particulate, toxic air contaminants, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds and greenhouse gases. Because biodiesel blends are produced from renewable sources, primarily soybeans, their use helps to reduce the nation’s dependence on foreign oil.

“Every step we take to use domestically produced biofuels helps us to abate climate change and to strengthen our economy,” said David Borden, state representative from New Castle and head of a legislative biodiesel study committee. “I applaud Rymes efforts and I encourage the New Hampshire business community to take as many steps as possible to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions responsible for our changing climate.”

“The City of Keene’s fleet services has been using a B-20 blend of biodiesel since July of 2002,” noted Keene Mayor Philip Pregent. “The vehicles run better and the air is cleaner, not only for the mechanics and operators who work on the equipment, but for all the citizens of Keene.”

Rymes is a member of the Granite State Clean Cities Coalition (GSCCC), a group of over 70 stakeholders promoting the use of alternative fuels and advanced technologies to reduce air pollution and protect national energy security. According to GSCCC, over one million gallons of biodiesel were sold in New Hampshire in 2007 for home heating and on-road transportation. As a result, greenhouse gas emissions were reduced by 11,000 tons.

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